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SUBJECT: TRUDEAU/GISCARD MEETING, MAY 12

REF: QUEBEC CITY 166

1. MOLGAT, DIRECTOR OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HAS CONFIRMED TO US REPORTS THAT TRUDEAU WILL TRAVEL TO PARIS MAY 12 FOR DINNER WITH GISCARD. ACCORDING TO MOLGAT, TRUDEAU LAST HAD PRIVATE MEETING WITH GISCARD IN NOVEMBER 1974, THOUGH THEY SAW EACH OTHER IN GROUP SETTING DURING ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN PUERTO RICO. TRUDEAU ANTICIPATED THERE WOULD BE NO OPPORTUNITY FOR TETE-A-TETE DURING DOWNING STREET AND NATO SUMMITS, AND PRIME MINISTER REQUESTED MEETING WITH GISCARD FOLLOWING THESE SESSIONS. LATTER RESPONDED WITH DINNER INVITATION MAY 12.

2. COMMENT: IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES, MOLGAT INDICATED HE WAS SAYING THAT, AS FAR AS HE KNOWS, THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRUDEAU-GISCARD MEETING AND THIS WEEK'S VISIT TO PARIS OF QUEBEC MINISTER OF INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CLAUDE MORIN AND TRUDEAU'S RECENT COMMENT TO PRESS THAT GOVERNMENTS WHICH TREATED QUEBEC AS SOVEREIGN STATE COULD NOT EXPECT TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OF CANADA. DESPITE MOLGAT'S DISCLAIMER, WE SUSPECT TIMING OF TRUDEAU MEETING WITH GISCARD IS NOT TOTALLY UNRELATED TO VISIT OF MORIN WHO WILL ALSO SEE GISCARD. ENDERS

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